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Salvation Army home opening soon

Facility is on Wellington St.

BY SUSAN DANSEYAR
STAFF WRITER

Despite strong concerns from residents about an alcoholic treatment facility in their neighborhood, the Board of Selectmen granted a lodging license on Monday night to the Salvation Army for its Wellington House Project.

In a unanimous vote, Selectmen Stephen Gilligan, John Hurd, Kevin Greeley and Kathleen Kiely Dias granted a one-year license to the Cambridge-Somerville Salvation Army for a single-room occupancy (SRO) housing facility at 8 Wellington St. that will serve 20 men recovering from alcohol addiction. Selectman Charles Lyons was not at the meeting.

The Wellington House, formerly used as a nursing home, is one of several centers in the Boston area which the Salvation Army will use as part of its "Continuum of Care" program. The fifth step in the program, an SRO facility is designed to accommodate clients who are not ready to live an independent life in an apartment or home.

The men must maintain employment while they reside at Wellington House and pay a service fee. Some may live in the facility for a year or more before moving to independent housing; others may reside in Wellington House permanently, depending on their personal and family status.

Currently, the Wellington Street facility is waiting for furniture, but staff members are expected to move in some time this month, said Daniel M. O'Neill, an Arlington resident and a member of the Salvation Army's local advisory board. "Perhaps a month from now, we'll have the first client, but it will take quite a while to have the 20 we have room for," he said.

Since purchasing the building in January 1997, the Salvation Army has been doing renovations. The work is



Daniel O'Neill, Salvation Army's director of community relations, stands in the kitchen of the new lodging house for recovering alcoholics at 8 Wellington St.

now complete, said Joseph Tulimiere, also an Arlington resident and a member of the advisory board. "We received our certificate of occupancy, and we're prepared to start operations," he told selectmen.

The client selection process is thorough, O'Neill said. He said the background check completed for each client assures that the individual will not have a detrimental effect on the neighborhood.

The Salvation Army hopes Wellington House will be the final step for those in recovery from the stigma of being a "homeless" person. A successful stay, officials say, will enable the clients to be looked upon as decent,

hard-working members of society.

Selectmen wished members of the Salvation Army's advisory board who worked on the Wellington House Project a successful endeavor. "I know every community has a need for this kind of organization," said Selectman Kathleen Kiely Dias. "I wish you every success with your program."

Safety issues

Residents, however, are still worried about having the SRO in their neighborhood. MaryLou Rossano-Collier, of 14 Wellington St., told selectmen she believes there is still tremendous concern among those who live nearby. After objecting for

almost two years, she said she is no longer trying to stop the program but wants to go on record that she feels it is risky to place such a facility in a residential area.

"This is not an issue of 'Not in my backyard,' because my concern is for all the children in the neighborhood," Rossano-Collier said. "I'm worried about their safety."

Rossano-Collier said it's not "politically correct" to speak out against treatment facilities these days, but the fact that several people have moved from the neighborhood — and a prospective tenant no longer considered the area upon hearing

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Tax bills contain surprise

Homes reassessed

BY SUSAN DANSEYAR
STAFF WRITER

Taxpayers may be disappointed to see that their first bill of 1999 is higher than those they received last year.

In addition to the increase allowed by Proposition 2 1/2 for the \$23 million debt exclusion approved by voters in March, this year's tax bill reflects a reassessment of Arlington's real estate and personal property value.

On the average, the value of all one-family, two-family and three-family homes in Arlington increased about 4 percent, said assessor Robert Greeley.

In 1998, the average single-family home assessed at \$204,200 had a tax bill of \$3,416. In 1999, that same home has been reassessed at \$212,300 and carries a tax bill of \$3,645.

The home, which would have a selling price of approximately \$238,000 according to industry averages, saw an increase of \$228 in taxes.

Arlington is required to perform a revaluation of real estate every three years, Greeley said. In the interim years, however, the Board of Assessors can look at the town's total assessment and raise it, if necessary. It is not done often and this year's reassessment was unusual.

"Based on the marketplace, real estate appreciated in Arlington and, in order to maintain fairness, equity and efficiency, we made changes over the past year," he said. "By law, assessments are supposed to be within 90 percent of fair market value."

Steven Savarese, owner of Century 21 Adams in

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'Based on the marketplace, real estate appreciated in Arlington and, in order to maintain fairness, equity and efficiency, we made changes over the past year.'

Robert Greeley, Assessor

DA Coakley planning smooth transition

BY SUSAN DANSEYAR
STAFF WRITER

The Middlesex County district attorney's office will take a more active role in crime prevention and take strong steps to counter elder abuse under the direction of Martha Coakley.

If all went as planned last night, Coakley became the first woman to be sworn in as Middlesex County district attorney. And while she says she will not come in and make rapid, unconsidered changes, she does plan to make the office her own. Last night's swearing-in ceremony was set at Town Hall in Arlington, Coakley's home.

Her jurisdiction covers a county with 1.4 million people in 54 cities and

towns — including Cambridge, Somerville, Newton, Waltham, Lowell and Framingham.

On Tuesday, Coakley said she envisions the job of district attorney as more than just prosecuting criminals. It's the most important responsibility, she said, but she believes the office can also play an important role in preventing crime before it's committed — especially juvenile crime, domestic violence and crimes related to substance abuse.



Martha Coakley

"We need to recognize the kinds of behavior that bring people into the criminal justice system and see what we can do to head that off," Coakley said. She said she supports probation and programs to help low-level drug addicts beat their addiction, find a job and return to normal life rather than serve a long prison term.

Her three priorities as district attorney are: addressing domestic violence by working with each community in the county to develop solutions to the problem; working on juvenile issues; and addressing drug abuse.

Coakley said she will carry on with Community Based Justice, a program started by former District Attorney Tom Reilly in which prosecutors meet

with school officials and other community members to identify and work with at-risk youth.

In addition, Coakley said she wants to establish an economic crime unit and set up a separate division for elderly abuse. "I think we saw the need for ways to address elderly abuse after the tragic case recently right here in Arlington," she said, referring to an incident in which police say an adult daughter beat her mother in her Arlington home.

For the most part, however, Coakley said she does not envision making many changes in the district attorney's office at first. "I've been here for 12 years and Tom Reilly left a solid base,"

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Ideas for '99

Financial guru Jonathan Pond offers 10 investment ideas (and the usual caveats about such advice) for 1999.

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WORKING
A SELF-STARTER'S GUIDE TO FINDING A JOB

Restaurants, shops preparing for stricter health code requirement

BY LINDSEY BLAIVAS
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Health has passed a new regulation that requires business establishments where food is handled to employ a certified food handler. The decision followed two public hearings, at which board members heard the questions and concerns of residents.

Though the state does not require every food establishment to have a certified food handler, the board decided the regulation was a wise local move that would help insure safety and sanitation in town.

"There are so many instances of food-borne illnesses and deaths that we really feel that education and awareness is very important," said Director of Public Health Marie Walsh.

The new law was not a result of an

increase in violations, said Walsh. In fact, the number of violators cited over the years has remained relatively constant, though the growing number of restaurants in town has increased the health department's work load, she said.

"The intent behind the law is to educate food handlers throughout the town on the principles of safe food handling and sanitary protocol so that we can further insure all foods are safe and all places are in compliance with the state sanitary code," said Walsh.

Carol Ryerson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber had been concerned because there has never been an official training process for food handling and preparation.

"In the past anyone could come in and start a food establishment, get a permit and pass the health code regulations and there is not much more to it," Ryerson

said. "Even if they didn't necessarily know anything about food-borne illnesses."

Tony Rocha, owner of Gala restaurant, said he believes the new regulation is very positive and will only create safer and better restaurants.

"It is a necessity," said Rocha. "There are a lot of restaurants out there that I go into and I think to myself, 'My God, I would never eat in there. The less restaurants out there like that, the better.'"

Imposing these regulations will improve the quality of restaurants in Arlington, said Rocha.

"I also think it will promote Arlington as a restaurant town and hopefully generate more business," said Rocha, adding that years ago the Back Bay area, which is now a famous restaurant district, was previously not so popular because of san-

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PUMPING IRON



STAFF PHOTO BY ANN RINGWOOD

A senior muscle strengthening class, taught by Beverly Iklar, will begin on Feb. 5, meeting in the Arlington Senior Center on Fridays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Here Bertha Reiss, in background, from last semester's class, works with weights to strengthen her arms. When she began the class, Reiss used a cane to walk.

MEETINGS

Jan. 7
Arlington Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., DPW Conference room, Town Hall Annex
Thompson School Council, 3:30 p.m., library at Thompson
The Millennium Celebration Committee, 7:30 p.m., Hearing Room, Town Hall
Jan. 11
Hardy School Council, Room one, Hardy School
Peirce Field Renovation Committee, 6 p.m., Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall
Jan. 12
Vision 2020 Environmental Task Group, 7:30 p.m., second floor conference room, Town Hall Annex
The Park and Recreation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Whittemore Robbins House

Arlington School Committee, 7:30 p.m., sixth floor School Committee Room, Arlington High School
Jan. 13
Vision 2020 Standing Committee, 7:30 p.m., 60 Lowell Street
Cyrus D. Dallin Art Museum, 7:30 p.m., Jefferson Cutter House (lower level)
Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m., third floor conference room, Town Hall Annex
Jan. 14
Health Insurance Advisory Committee, first floor conference room, Town Hall Annex
Lexington, Arlington, Belmont Burlington Partnership Council, 3 p.m., Heights Nursery school, 127 Lowell St.

TOWN ROUNDUP

Town Day committee seeking new members

The town is looking for people interested in serving on the Town Day Committee.

The committee meets infrequently during the winter and then more and more often up until Town Day, which is scheduled for Sept. 18 this year. For more info contact the office of the Board of Selectmen 316-3020.

Volunteers needed for election work

Residents interested in working as election workers at the polls during 1999 should contact the Board of Selectmen's office at 316-3020.

Collection dates set for Christmas trees

Town-wide Christmas tree collection dates are set for Friday, Jan. 8 and Friday, Jan. 15. Additional yard waste may be placed at the curb at this time. This will be the last yard waste collection until regularly scheduled collections begin again in April.

Please remember to have the trees and yard waste, in paper containers, at the curb by 7 a.m. Make sure the trees and any containers are not covered by snow if there is any. This will ensure that the items are seen and removed, and

not left behind.

Anyone interested in compost bins may purchase one at the Public Works office on the second floor of the Town Hall Annex from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$17 for Arlington residents; payment is by check only. If you start composting now, you should have compost ready for next fall's garden plantings.

Arlington schools seeking volunteers

Arlington public schools are seeking volunteers for the following assignments:

- English and Math tutoring at secondary schools
- Ottoson needs helpers in the media center: put books on tape.
- Clerical help for director of technology.
- Video taping-come for free training!
- Be a Scientist for a Day (or an hour) Find out what's happening in the schools.

The school system is also establishing a resource directory. Residents who would be interested in reading to students, helping with writing skills, doing a science experiment, demonstrating a hobby or skill, or speaking about their work or culture, are urged to sign up.

Call Judi Bohn, 316-3573, or e-mail jbohn@arlington.k12.ma.us

No need for Y2K panic with team approach

BY SUSAN DANSEYAR
STAFF WRITER

Years from now, we may remember the year 2000 as the time people stopped depending so much on computers and turned to each other for help.

That's what Christopher Mogil predicts might happen if communities band together to face whatever disasters Y2K may bring. Referring to a mistake embedded in many computers which, if not corrected in time, will make them register the year 2000 as 1900, Mogil said the "Y2K bug" is relevant to us all.

"Our lives, whether we know it or not, are linked to a global net of computers and countless embedded microchips that serve our daily needs, from electricity, to transportation, to food delivery," he said.

The founder of the Arlington Y2K Committee, Mogil said though businesses and municipalities have been working to prepare computers for the year 2000, some people feel things still may go wrong. They worry that companies dependent on an interconnected system of computers will be interrupted in delivering food, electricity, fuel, water, cash and paychecks.

"Anything might happen, ranging from minor disturbances to major catastrophes," he said. "We just don't know at this point."

After learning of the Y2K problem from friends in Boulder, Colo., Mogil said he and his family started to get worried about the issue — talking to neighbors, friends, colleagues and starting the committee to research what might happen and how to prepare.

In an effort to bring the community together, the committee will hold an educational forum on Monday at 6:45 p.m. in the

Robbins Library.

Called "Y2K Community Readiness," the forum will feature a brief presentation about Y2K; a discussion of how citizens, businesses and public officials can work together; formation of local readiness groups; and information on additional resources.

An educator and publisher of a non-profit journal on volunteerism and giving, Mogil said he didn't know too much about the Y2K problem until forming the committee two months ago. Since then, he has learned a tremendous amount from books, articles and reports on the Web as well as conferences he has attended.

"I've been assured that the town's computers will be OK, but so much of our lives are tied to computers that we could be facing all kinds of unforeseen problems," he said. "We've heard a lot of concerns about public utilities being disrupted; banks coming to a halt; and some people have even said they won't fly or ride a train the first day of 2000 because the switching mechanisms may not work."

Al Minervini, Arlington's director of data processing, believes a community group such as the Y2K Committee, is a good idea so people can understand what might happen and prepare for various eventualities.

"I have some concerns for how this may affect the community, insofar as the things that aren't under the direct control of the town, such as street lights and utilities," he said. "It's difficult, though, to voice legitimate concerns without causing panic with all the misinformation that's out there."

Mogil also said it's important to ignore some of the sensationalism surrounding the Y2K problems, such as reports of people "heading for the hills" and leaving society altogether.

Panic, he warns, may actually cause problems. Instead of being immobilized by fright, this is an excellent opportunity for people to come together and work on contingency plans, Mogil said. At Monday's meeting, the committee hopes to set up groups in the various Arlington communities which will network in case of any shut down of utilities, supplies and communication systems.

"What is most important is for us all to work together — residents and public officials," he said. "We can look at this as though it were a natural disaster and we have to reach out and help one another."

"Y2K is like a hurricane warning, but a hurricane that might hit everywhere in the world at once," Mogil said.

Other communities are forming groups to raise awareness of Y2K, Mogil said. On Monday while the Arlington Y2K Committee holds its forum, a group in Concord will be meeting as well. Lowell has a program and several community groups, including Arlington's, are part of a planning group for a Boston Y2K conference.

Even if the "hurricane" of Y2K blows over, sooner or later some natural disaster or personal crisis might upset our seemingly predictable lives, Mogil said. "Knowing what to do and who to go to for help might make all the difference," he said.

"Whether we see major or minor problems, we will all benefit from this because of the chance it gives us to work together," Mogil said. "Perhaps this will be the thing which causes us to wake up and see how dependent we are on computers and the 'experts' and become more dependent on each other."

For additional information on the Arlington Y2K Committee or the educational forum at the library, call Christopher Mogil at 648-0776.

Baptist preacher to speak at King Day observance



Eddie S. O'Neal

Eddie S. O'Neal, an American Baptist minister active in the Civil Rights movement in Mississippi in the 1960s, will be the featured speaker at Arlington's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance on Monday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Arlington's annual observance of King's birthday is open to all interested members of the community. Those attending are asked to bring a main dish or dessert for six to share during a potluck dinner in the church basement. Following the meal, participants proceed to the church sanctuary for a program that will include a musical performance by Myron Parker

Branff accompanied by Kenneth Branff for the New England Spiritual Ensemble, and the presentation of awards to an individual or individuals who demonstrate the pursuit of justice prized by King.

The featured speaker, O'Neal is the William Bartlett Professor of Sacred Rhetoric at the Andover Newton Theological School. His expertise is in preaching in the black religious tradition, and he has preached at a wide range of universities and religious gatherings from the Harvard Memorial Chapel to the Conference of Caribbean Ministers. Notably, O'Neal was ordained in Meriden, Miss. in 1960, and emerged as a leader in the Civil Rights move-

ment.

Childcare will be provided following the potluck dinner. A free-will offering will be collected during the observance. A portion of the funds collected will be donated to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Atlanta and the remaining funds will be donated to the Arlington Public Schools to purchase educational materials that promote interracial understanding.

The First Baptist Church is located at 819 Mass. Ave. The Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance is coordinated by an interfaith committee with representatives from a number of Arlington's faith communities.

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Minuteman working on budget

BY JANET JEHL
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

At Tuesday's meeting of the Minuteman Regional High School Committee, Superintendent Ron Fitzgerald presented a detailed budget proposal that calls for a 1.7 percent increase for the 1999-2000 school year.

In an effort to adopt some of the "user friendly" suggestions made by Needham representative Jeff Stulin at the last few meetings, Fitzgerald included a pie chart and a guide to explain the pages pertaining to each member town's particular part of the proposed budget.

Member towns do not simply pay a set amount based on the per pupil-cost of educating the total number of Minuteman students being sent by the town. Due to the School Choice program, other out-of-district students, and the cost of transporting students, member towns are subsidizing the vocational education of more students than they are sending.

The preliminary budget lists Arlington assessment at \$7,142,695. Paul Schlichtman, Arlington's representative on the board, believes that assessment is at least \$1,597,020 too high.

Schlichtman favors a three-year approach to the budget with efforts made to eliminate the district's reliance on Choice students and to use reserve funds to lower the assessments of member towns.

The committee expects to hear a format presentation of the district's revenue plan on Jan. 19. A public hearing will be held on Jan. 26 before the budget is finalized.

Jane Pagett of Lexington asked for an explanation of the \$10,000 dollars budgeted for "alternative" education. Fitzgerald explained the necessity for a "holding place," where education would continue for students who cannot not function successfully and appropriately in mainstream classrooms. Principal Bill Callahan added that sending towns do not want the pupils back when there is a behavior or attitude problem. He is currently working with a town that has a program he feels would better serve a student now being schooled through Minuteman. He is encouraging the town to resume educating the student at their own high school.

Because there are students who need to be

removed from mainstream classes, and expulsion is not an option, an alternative program is needed. That means a place to house the students and the teachers who take on the task of helping students work to eventually re-enter the classroom.

"There are ten to twenty such students at any given time," said Fitzgerald. "And like all other high schools and vocational high schools in the Commonwealth, we need to address this need."

Pagett expressed additional concern about the athletic budget and inquired about the possibility of charging user fees. She said that, because other public schools have taken to charging user fees, Minuteman should consider that option as well.

Fitzgerald said that the money in general is often raised "on the backs of students," and he questioned how much of the revenue students should be accountable for.

Schlichtman also expressed concern from the Arlington School Committee members who resent having to charge user fees for athletics and assess fees for kindergarten, while they subsidize athletics for students in towns outside Arlington.

Chairman Bob Wiltse of Acton wondered if the committee might consider user fees for areas other than athletics. He recommended that School Committee members do some research before the next meeting on Jan. 19.

In an aside, Betty Aschaffenburg a Finance Committee member from Concord, said her concern is that Concord is covering athletic costs for large numbers of students from Woburn, which isn't a member town and doesn't pay an equal assessment for the students it sends. "I really want people to understand what this means," she said emphatically. "There's not enough discussion at these meetings, and why should Woburn kids get a free ride?"

Fitzgerald said athletics was not as big a chunk of the budget for Minuteman as it is for some other town high schools.

"But I think we should remember that, even if it's a small amount, we need to take into consideration the issue in Arlington," said Jeff Stulin. "It's an emotional issue and if people are clenching their teeth when they have to charge kindergarten assessment fees to townspeople, we can't overlook that."

SELECTMEN NOTES

At its Monday meeting, the Board of Selectmen took the following action:

- Approved the street layout for improvements to Smith Street. In a three to one vote, with Selectman Kathleen Kiely Dias casting the opposing vote, selectmen approved Jeffrey N. Rosenberg's plan to improve a portion of Smith Street. Rosenberg, an attorney in Westford, wants to provide access to the last two vacant lots on the street in order

to construct several two-family houses.

Neighbors have expressed concern that the construction of approximately 120 feet of road will require blasting, something Rosenberg said is very unlikely. Even if blasting is required, selectmen said, Rosenberg must apply for a license from the fire department which in turn conducts a preblasting survey and alerts abutters.

- Appointed Charles Lyons as

voting delegate and John Hurd as representative to the Massachusetts Municipal Association which holds its annual business meeting on Jan. 16.

- The next meeting of selectmen will be Monday, Jan. 11 at 7:15 p.m. in Town Hall. At that time, members will discuss goals and objectives for 1999 and a timetable for finding and appointing a new town manager to replace Donald Marquis who will retire Nov. 2000.

Man dies from accident injuries

Joseph Mariano, 70, of 129 Appleton St., died Dec. 28 from injuries suffered in an accident a week earlier.

Mariano was walking across Park Avenue on Dec. 21 when he was hit by a car driven by William Driscoll, 70. Driscoll told police that he was

The driver of the car, William Driscoll also 70-years old said he was driving south on Park Avenue at approximately 20-25 mph when a man came out of nowhere and stepped in front of his car.

Driscoll was not charged in the investigation, which has been closed.

Mariano was the only pedestrian death in Arlington in 1998.



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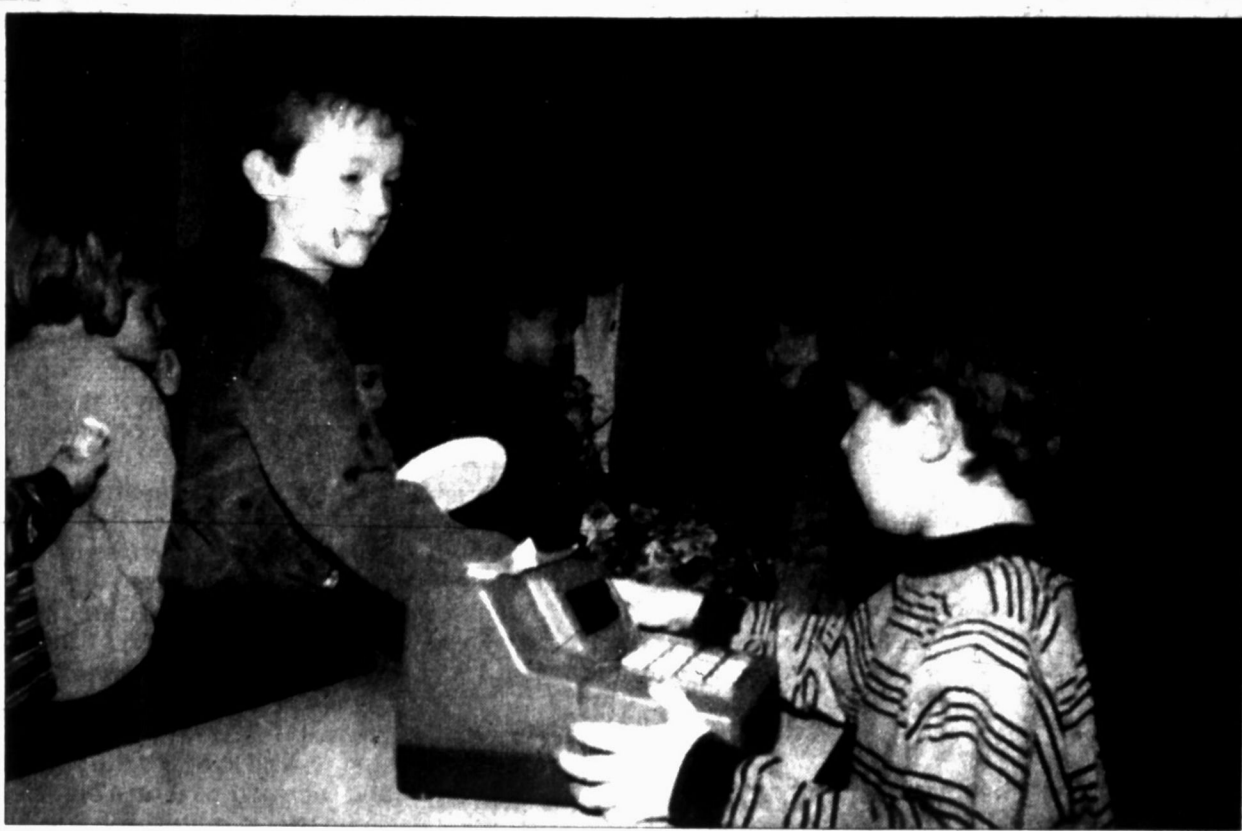


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SCHOOL NEWS

New Brackett site includes photo tour

The Brackett School now has an official Web site, one that includes photos of progress in building the new school.

The address is: <http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/Brackett/home.html>.

The site includes links to class Web sites, the school handbook as well as information from the PTO and the School Council.

Julie McDaniel and her husband, Dave MacCarn, built the site as volunteers. Contributors include Principal Bob Penta (general information and handbook), Meg Lim (PTO info), Judy Lebow (School Council info), Johanna Rothman (Brackett After School Program), Rita Robinson (third-grade Web page).

Twelve photos show the 1931 school last April and a series of construction shots, up to December.

This photo tour is in addition to the one at Arlington's official Web site — <http://www.shaw-shen.tec.ma.us/Arlington/skupdate.htm>. This site shows photos and reports of construction progress at Brackett, Bishop and Hardy schools, from August until early December.

Brackett seeks input on three core values

What qualities — intellectual, ethical/character, social, physical — do Brackett parents hope students will develop?

One School Council goal this year is to engage faculty, parents and students in a dialogue aimed at achieving consensus on three core values that will serve as guiding principles for planning and decision making.

Beginning in January, the School Council will hold a series of meetings to seek input from the school community. The council hopes to achieve a consensus by March, so it can use the core values to guide next year's school-improvement plan.

If you have questions or would like background reading about core values, call Jill Carter (643-9612) or Joan LaMachia (646-9130).

PTO offers grants

The Dallin PTO offers its grant program to parents and teachers who have an idea for an educational program for students. To apply for funding, get an application at the school office. Deadline for applications is Jan. 15.

St. Agnes holding student registration

Saint Agnes Elementary School in Arlington will hold registration for new students for the 1999-2000 school year at the following times:

Kindergarten - Monday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Parents should bring a copy of the following: birth certificate, baptismal record and immunization record. Child must be five years old by Dec. 31, 1999.

Grades one through seven - Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Parents should bring a copy of the following: birth certificate, baptismal record, health record, First Eucharist certificate and child's last report card. Child must be present to be tested.

Registration for all grades will take place in the school auditorium.

Re-registration for students already enrolled will take place during the week of Feb. 1.

Open House - Jan. 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. All parents are welcome.

Thompson School holding benefit dance

The Thompson School will hold its Technology for Thompson School 8th Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance from 7:30-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 Winslow St.

There will be an Italian buffet, cash bar, drawing for prizes, and door prizes. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased by calling the Thompson School Parent Center at 643-2723.

Underwater explorations

Aquarium workshop brings schools of knowledge to classrooms

BY LINDSEY BLAIVAS
STAFF WRITER

Each school day, Michelle Cuniff's seventh grade students come running into her classroom to feed and check on the most recent addition to their class — a new aquarium complete with fish.

Although the aquarium is the most recent addition, it's not the only scientific experiment in the class. Just a few weeks ago, Cuniff's students arrived to class to find a Calculator Based Laboratories probe/motion detector hanging above the door. The detector calculates each student's height as they walked through the doorway and then graphs it on a big screen computer monitor for the students to see and study.

The aquarium, motion detector and graphing equipment are the fruits of a New England Aquarium workshop Cuniff attended during the summer. Two other Arlington science teachers and two math teachers also each received the three items for their participation.

The workshop is part of a four year National Science Foundation grant, put together by Jim Amaro, head of the science department at Minuteman Regional High School. He created the program to promote the involvement of women and minorities in math, science and technology and to integrate new technology and ways of learning into the classroom.

The classroom equipment was donated by sponsors of the workshop. Each teacher who took part in it received the items for their classrooms.

Last summer was the first summer that the New England Aquarium became involved in the workshops. Aquarium staffers taught the teachers how to set-up and maintain a Tetra (the company that sponsored the aquarium) tank as well as ways to enhance curriculum using the tank.

"Having an aquarium in a classroom really helps kids put what they have learned to the test," said Joel Rubin, head of the New England Aquarium Teacher Resource Center. "It improves the quality of education because it teaches students to care for the environment."

Cuniff, who attended the workshop for the first time last summer, said she was thrilled with the opportunity.

"It gives teachers a chance to be with other teachers, and to learn from each other," said Cuniff.



From left: Phillip Lobo, Michael Sparks, Linda Phan, teacher Michelle Cuniff, and Siras Bilimoria gather around their new aquarium donated by Tetra and the New England Aquarium.

This is Cuniff's second year teaching seventh grade science. She believes the knowledge she picked up at the workshop has helped her improve her teaching.

"There is an excitement among the students that I don't think existed in my classes last year," said Cuniff.

Cuniff explained how her students measure the temperature in the aquarium with the probe.

"They love coming in and seeing if the temperature dropped or stayed the same," Cuniff said. "I am excited, and when I am excited it really rubs off."

The aquarium is especially popular because it fosters a greater understanding of other subjects beyond science, teachers said. It is an educational and entertaining way to teach ecology, math, chemistry, and biology, and the students develop a better appreciation of animals and their habitats.

Cuniff said she hopes to raise lobsters in her classroom sometime in the future, something she learned in the aquarium workshop.

But it is not just the science teachers who benefit from such workshops.

Seventh grade math teacher Judie Phelps has attended the workshop for the last four summers and believes such professional development is essential.

"What we learn in these workshops and how we incorporate it into the classroom is really exciting," said Phelps. "Right now everything is a work in progress. As the years go on, we will do

more and more."

Phelps explained that the workshops do not just teach new material, but rather they teach new ways to teach the material.

For instance, Marie Neal, another seventh grade science teacher, learned in one of the workshops how to use a program called Lego Logo Dacto. Using the program, the students actually create their own logo. Neal asked her class to think of something that irritates them and then to think of a way to solve it.

They thought of a table that would travel around the room, collect the trash from each student, and then dump the trash in the garbage. Using the program, the students devised the machine by calculating out what input they would need to get the output (result) they wanted.

"The program helps them think things out in steps rather than trying to jump to the final result," said Neal.

The steps, or rather the thought process involved, has become exceedingly important because it is one of the ways students need to prepare for the MCAS test.

"Because students are now asked on the MCAS to complete open-ended questions, it is essential that they understand how to work out a problem in steps," said Neal.

All of the workshops cater to the statewide curriculum and therefore enhance teachers' knowledge on how to prepare their students for the MCAS.

But, said Neal, just as important as teaching the students is teaching the teachers.

"I have been teaching for 34 years," said Neal, "these workshops keep me fresh. In the workshops I am the student, so I am constantly reminded of what it feels like to be on the other side."

The other part of the workshops, which Neal stressed, deal with educating teachers on the importance of insuring that women and minorities are equally involved in science, math and technology.

"This is the age that girls begin to lose interest in these areas," Neal said. "Boys tend to blurt out answers or raise their hands right away while girls may just sit back even if they know the answer."

Some of the workshops helped the teachers develop techniques to make sure the girls and minorities in the classroom have a chance to be as involved as the boys.

For example, teachers are told not to call on the first student who raises their hand to answer a question.

"Instead, we wait a minute and give everyone a chance to react," said Neal.

Overall there is no doubt that every teacher involved in the workshops benefited greatly.

"Teachers experiencing a program like this can't help but come back with enthusiasm and excitement," said Phelps, "professional development as it stands helps renew excitement in teachers. We attend, but it is really the kids who benefit."

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From left to right: Jenna Conlon, Brian McClosky, Pine Street Inn's Aimee Coolidge, Rachel Bird, and Madeleine Ryan gather boxes of donations for the Pine Street Inn. To add to the spirit of the event each classroom helped in decorating their individual collection boxes.

PHOTO BY KAREN COLEMAN

Dallin students give donations to Pine Street Inn

Dallin Elementary School recently completed its second annual sock, mitten and hat drive for the Pine Street Inn.

Aimee Coolidge, the inn's director of major gifts, came to the school in November to discuss the issues of homelessness and to kick off the drive. With the coordinating efforts of Ed

Rogers, school social worker, Vicki Russell, school spirit committee, the Dallin Cub Scouts, Kathy Leva and all the teachers, students and families of Dallin, the donations were greater than the previous year. Coolidge was delighted to go to work with a car stuffed with boxes of warm things for the homeless.

College scholarships deadlines loom for seniors

Now is the time to act for high school seniors and college students who need scholarship money for college next fall. Many scholarships that will help families pay for tuition, room and board, text books, lab fees and a myriad of other related expenses will be awarded over the next several months. Although this is the season that students focus on applying to colleges, it is vitally important for families to have applications in soon for scholarship sources so that they can receive money when the scholarships are awarded.

Unfortunately many families delay seeking help in searching for scholarships that can help them and they miss out on money which they are qualified to receive. Many are forced into relying on burdensome debt to finance their education. According to the U.S. Department of Education and Financial Aid Experts, "many students miss out on valuable scholarship opportunities simply because they are not aware of all of the various scholar-

ships that can help them. Here are some sources that students can follow up on right now:

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation: 150 Awards of \$4,000 - \$10,000. Based on leadership, academics, motivation and extracurricular activities. Coca-Cola Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 442, Atlanta, GA 30301-0442.

William E. Schmidt Foundation: Awards from \$5,000 - \$10,000. Deadline March 31. Student's age 16-20. Request to 445 Commerce Street, Evansville, IL 44710.

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Fortunately there are hundreds of thousands of scholarship and grant sources available to students who take the time to locate them. For additional updated information on other financial aid sources, a *Steps-to-Success Timetable* for receiving scholarship aid and how to receive awards from 400,000 independent sources, send \$3 to cover handling to the National Academic Funding Advisory (NAFA), 188 Summer Street, Scholarship Dept. S1, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801.

Grants help schools stay high-tech

A variety of federal and state grants are helping to educate Arlington youngsters in high-tech ways that the annual budget can't cover.

So far in 1998-99, more than \$143,000 is paying for:

- Town fifth graders to learn social studies using laptop computers, which travel from school to school; and
- Ottonson students to learn how to use computer languages to build their own machines.

In addition, beginning in this month (January), grants will pay for training, for teachers and staff members to become more computer literate.

Here is a summary of these grants to date, totaling \$143,650. More are expected in the new year. Unless otherwise indicated, Joanne M. Gurry, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, provided the information:

Title VI (\$12,919): The money has helped pay for a mobile laptop classroom for Arlington fifth graders, said Theresa Jay, telecommunication technology specialist.

Gail Treanor, instructional technology teacher, will go to all seven elementary schools with Time laptop computers and Trip USA software, donated from IBM last year.

Students will learn about subjects in social studies and language arts required by the state curriculum using multimedia, software and the Internet, Jay said.

The grant funding will pay for four of the 15 laptops the mobile lab uses, she said.

Title VI money also pays for MCET and CD-ROM subscriptions for the high school media center, said Shelley Glantz, lead teacher for library media.

Lighthouse (\$29,965): Jay won this competitive state grant, which helps Ottonson sixth through eighth graders use such programming languages as LEGO/DACTA to describe physical phenomena. Students are not given ready-made mechanical objects; they design and build their own machines before programming them to work, Jay said.

Technology (\$62,955): A new professional-development grant that the district is using to train teachers and administrators about using computers more effectively to learn, teach and manage. Courses start in Janu-

ary. Safe & drug-free schools (\$28,558): Federal money through the state Department of Education helps pay the salary of Elizabeth Oppedisano. She coordinates the grant and provides drug and alcohol education for the schools and town's Human Services Department. Her work includes a parent newsletter.

Math/science (\$16,725): This amount includes a Dwight D. Eisenhower II grant for enhancing training of teachers in math and science. Most of the money helps kindergarten-through-fifth-grade classes align with state curriculum. One-third of the town public-school share is used to pay for a collaborative at Salem State College, workshops for K-12 teachers and dues for a consortium.

CESAME (\$15,000): The letters stand for the Northeastern-based Center for the Enhancement of Science and Math Education, which promotes reform for math and science. This money, a one-year grant, helps kindergarten-through-fifth-grade math programs shape a standards- and problem-based curriculum, called "Investigations in Numbers, Data and Space." That curriculum is in its third year. The School Department paid for the first two years. The money supports professional development and leader training.

PAIMS (\$3,528): A network whose letters stand for Partners Across Learning for Math and Science is a statewide initiative based at Northeastern funded by Department of Education and the National Science Foundation. It helps schools develop standard-based math-science curriculum. The money pays for workshops on state curriculum guidelines.

Early Intervention (\$9,500): This money helps train a teacher in Reading Recovery, a program to aid lowest-achieving first graders in reading. Each of the

town's seven elementary schools has such a teacher.

Safe schools (\$2,000): Grant pays part of the salary for the adviser to the Gay Straight Alliance at Arlington High School. It also pays for field trips, movies/discussions, speakers.

Goals 2000 (\$25,000): Called "Induction Year Funding," this money pays for a new mentoring program, which teams new teachers with experienced ones. It also pays for two-day summer workshops on teacher mission, state curriculum and affirmative action.

SCORE (\$5,000): The letters stand for Student Conflict Resolution Experts. The money, from the state Attorney General's Office, backs peer mediation at Arlington High School and Ottonson.

Immigration (\$25,000): This money helps create uniform assessment practices townwide for training in English as a second language (ESL). Those involved look at how children are screened when they enter and leave school. The grant pays for tests and buys one computer for ESL program. All nine schools are expected to have ESL-friendly computers.

Gifted/talented (\$7,500): Robert Penta, principal, reports that Brackett was one of 52 schools out of 150 applicants to be awarded a 1998-99 Department of Education gifted and talented grant for \$7,500. These funds will be used to develop science and technology activities for all first, second and third graders and to provide ACE services via Linda Cohn to a still-undiscovered population in these grades. The money helps develop science and technology activities that are in tune with the state's curriculum. Brackett fourth and fifth graders got a similar grant last year for \$7,000. Fourth graders participated in activities about Newton's Laws, and fifth graders on Transformations of Energy.

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Protesters send message on impeachment

BY DENISE DUBÉ
STAFF WRITER

Approximately 55 people, from Arlington to Nahant, gathered on Lexington's Battle Green New Year's Day to protest the U.S. House of Representatives' recent impeachment of President William Jefferson Clinton.

In freezing weather and in the midst of a snow squall, the group carried signs and spoke against Clinton's impeachment for more than an hour.

Besides organizers Marya Dantzer-Rosenthal and Arlington resident Sheila Deitchman, speakers at the event included local residents' and First Parish of Bedford's Rev. John Gibbons.

Gibbons seemed to have a crowd-pleasing solution to the Clinton impeachment problem. For the rally, he wore a 1940s button from a personal collection. It read: "No third term." Gibbons said he thought that was the answer and shouted it into the

microphone. "No third term" for Clinton, he said. "To the last hour, to the last day, but not a minute more; I don't care how popular he is," Gibbons said jokingly.

Dantzer-Rosenthal and Deitchman held the afternoon rally after meeting only a week ago when People for the American Way, out of Washington D.C., connected the two activists. The two met first by phone and then in person Friday afternoon on the Battle Green.

The local rally was a grassroots effort arising out of frustration at not being heard as citizens, Dantzer-Rosenthal said. The two wanted people to know that the impeachment process is an important part of the constitution, not to be used for partisan purposes. They believe Clinton's recent impeachment was the result of Republican partisan politics, that people do not want to see him removed from the office and that his offenses are not

impeachable.

There were a few attendants, however, who didn't agree with the cause and made their opposition known — sometimes loudly. William "Bill" Buehler, arrived a few minutes after Dantzer-Rosenthal and Deitchman.

Buehler, of Lexington, said he had never participated in a rally but felt compelled to participate. "I thought it was a forum for an expression of ideas," Buehler said later.

And Buehler did have his own ideas. "I disagreed with the position. I think the president should have resigned," he said. "I think he's playing the country for a bunch of suckers."

Only two others at the gathering agreed with Buehler's assessment. Jon Levangie held a sign in each hand. They read: "It's the perjury, stupid" and "The president is a felon." Lexington Town Meeting member Dorrie Traficante also came, complete with a small laugh box that she activated

when a few people standing on the small white wooden stage picked up the microphone and spoke.

"We're talking about impeachable offenses," Buehler said. "The impeachable offenses had nothing to do with his personal life. [There are] women in and out of my office," he said.

Dantzer-Rosenthal said she believes the rally was a success. "We were extremely gratified by the number of people who came out on such a cold day. I was impressed with the eloquence with which people spoke and the compassion for the country," she said, adding that it testified to the salience of the issue and to Lexington's commitment to justice.

"I really want to encourage people in other towns to do this same thing. If we can help to shape the public discourse in any way possible ... that is the way we can have the most impact," she said.

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Tuesday
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Wednesday
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Thursday
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Friday
Grilled tuna and cheese, smart food, fruit snack.

Daily alternates: Monday — baked manicotti; Tuesday and Thursday — pasta w/meatballs; Wednesday — stuffed shells; Friday — cheese ravioli. Grilled items, pizza, calzone, salads, sandwiches and soups also offered daily. Fruit, vegetable, bread and milk served with all meals.

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Baked manicotti, garlic bread, Hi C, fruit snack.

Tuesday
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Wednesday
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Thursday
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Friday
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POLICE LOG

Dec. 29

At 7:05 p.m., police arrested Greg Bialach, 21, of 58 Teel St., and charged him with license not in possession, operating after license suspended, and a stop sign violation.

Dec. 30

At 4:30 p.m., police arrested Anthony Cipolle, 34, of 19 Philemon St., for operating after license suspended, brake light violation and a straight warrant.

Police saw a car traveling north on Park Avenue with only one brake light working. After pulling the car over the officer, through a computer check, found that Cipolle's license was suspended and that there was a warrant out for him on a charge of operating a vehicle after having his license suspended. Police arrested him and transported him to the station.

At 6:30 p.m., police arrested Natalia Panasuk, 54, of 50 Fremont Court, and charged her with operating under the influence of liquor and operating negligently to endanger.

Police responded to a report of a car accident. Police spoke to Panasuk and noticed she had a strong odor of alcohol on her breath. Her speech was slurred and she was unsteady on her feet, according to police reports. After administering several sobriety tests, police placed her under arrest and transported her to the station.

Dec. 31

At 10:30 p.m., police arrested Dennis Collins, 24, of 12 Merrill St., Cambridge and charged him with operating under the influence of liquor.

FIRE LOG

The Fire Department responded to 101 calls during the period of Dec. 28-Jan 3. The calls included 34 rescues, 20 fire, and 19 investigations.

Dec. 28

At 4:58 p.m., firefighters responded to 144 Pleasant St. for a report of a car fire. Upon arrival, firefighters were met by the owner of the car who said he had extinguished the engine fire himself with a portable extinguisher.

Jan. 29

At 8:58 a.m., firefighters responded to a Broadway residence for a report of a porch fire. Firefighters arrived and found smoke coming from a painters cloth on the porch. Firefighters wet down the cloth and the area. The painter said he had been smoking a cigarette earlier, which may have caused the small fire.

At 11:37 a.m., firefighters responded to a two-family house on Russell Street for a report of a gas dryer fire. Firefighters extinguished the fire and ventilated both the first and second floors.

Jan. 1

At 6:10 p.m., firefighters responded to Patrick Street for a fire. Upon arrival firefighters saw smoke coming from an electrical service wire. Firefighters shut off the power and stood by for Boston Edison.

Jan. 2

At 12:46 p.m., firefighters responded to Foodmaster at 808 Mass. Ave., for a worker who fell and hurt his knee. The man stated that he heard a "pop" when he fell. Firefighters stabilized his knee and transported him to Symmes Hospital and Medical Center.

Jan. 3

At 1:03 a.m., firefighters responded to 37 Gardner St. for a report of a woman who had given birth. Upon arrival, firefighters found a woman on the side of the staircase with the baby. Firefighters clamped the umbilical cord and transported her to Winchester Hospital. Both the mother and baby were in good condition.

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BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

During the 1998 session, several important bills were signed into law. This week, BHRC records local senators' votes on four bills which were approved on a roll call in the Senate and signed into law by Gov. Cellucci. The bills were OK'd in the House on a voice vote without a roll call.

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1. Family Leave (S 26) — The Senate, 36-0, (one senator voted no but his vote was "paired" and is not reflected in the total) approved and the governor signed a bill requiring employers with 50 or more employees to give each employee up to 24 hours of unpaid leave annually for family obligations including participating in a child's school activities and bringing a child or elderly relative to a doctor or dentist. The worker may elect or the employer may require the worker to use paid vacation leave, personal leave or sick leave when fulfilling these family obligations. A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

2. Newborn Hearing Screening (H 5392) — The Senate, 36-0, OK'd and the governor signed into law a bill requiring insurance plans to provide coverage for testing of newborns for hearing impairments before they leave the hospital. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

3. \$200 Million Tax Cut (S 2306) — The Senate, 39-0, approved and the governor signed into law a \$475 million package providing a \$200

million one-time tax cut by raising personal exemptions. Other provisions funnel \$150 million into the state's rainy day fund, grant an additional \$62 million in state lottery revenues to local communities and create a \$60 million fund to educate, attract and maintain top quality teachers in Massachusetts.

4. Insurance Companies (S 2283) — The Senate, 39-0, OK'd and the governor signed into law a bill giving the state's life and property insurance companies a tax cut estimated to total as much as \$68.8 million by fiscal 2005. In exchange, the companies would invest \$250 million in low and moderate income communities for affordable housing and economic development support for enterprises of women, minorities and small businesses. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

How long was this session?
During the week of Dec. 28-Jan. 1, the House met for a total of two hours and 43 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 39 minutes.

Durand: Open space will boost tourism

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Incoming Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand says his tenure will focus on preserving 200,000 acres of open space, increasing access to recreation and listening to suggestions from employees in the field. But in the next 12 months, he'll also be taking on the federal government, trying to stall urban sprawl and switching from legislator to executive.

Durand, the Democratic state senator from Marlborough, assumes command at the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) in mid-January from Trudy Cox, who left in November for a historic preservation job in Rhode Island.

Durand, chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee from 1991-1996, is a childhood friend of acting Gov. Paul Cellucci, a Republican.

Perhaps the toughest job for Durand will be defending the state's controversial decision to ignore a federal law requiring the filtration of all drinking water. In the early 1990s, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) to clean the drinking water it supplies eastern Massachusetts residents, but gave the state the power to enforce the ruling.

The EOEA and the MWRA decided it would be better to buy up land around the Wachusett and Quabbin reservoirs. By protecting the watershed, they said, Massachusetts could preserve open space while ensuring clean water. The EPA, which says all drinking water should be filtered, is suing the state to force the addition of a \$180 million filtration system to a treatment plant being built in Marlborough.

While all parties agree safe drinking water is the ultimate goal, EPA and EOEA/MWRA differ on the means. Within weeks of his taking office, Durand will have to decide whether to add

the filtration plant and raise water prices for residents, beat EPA in court, or work out a compromise.

The day he was appointed, Durand said he wanted to focus on providing "clean water naturally" by establishing a "green buffer zone" — an indication EOEA's stance won't be changing. "We need to sit down and talk about this," he added. The two sides are set to meet in court Jan. 21.

Durand also said he'll be helping write regulations for doling out money under the state's new brownfields law. The law gives tax incentives to developers who clean up polluted urban land and reuse it for development. For Durand, the law is a perfect opportunity to preserve rural areas while spurring economic growth. While the Department of Revenue and the Massachusetts Business Development Corporation will be handing out the money, Durand said he'll try to use the law to help create a framework for balancing preservation with continued economic growth.

"I think we need to develop strategies as to where we want certain types of growth," he said, pointing out that rapidly developed areas are prone to traffic jams and strip malls. "What we've seen in the past is unplanned growth. As suburbs encroach on our urban areas, you have these conflicts. There needs to be that discussion."

Legislatively, the EOEA filed only three bills for the 1999-2000 session. One would let a private developer run the Blue Hills ski area. The second creates safety requirements for tanker barges. The third is a refilled bill that encourages the use of biosolids — organic solid waste. An agency spokesman said EOEA's major legislation will be included Cellucci's fiscal 2000 budget. The EOEA's fiscal 1999 budget was \$210 million. Durand said he couldn't discuss any specific goals for the next year's efforts, preferring to stick with generalities. "I don't want to give you goals yet. It wouldn't be fair to the other people at the agency," he said.



2000 by 2000 coordinator JoAnne Robinson, left, accepts the Massachusetts Forestry Council's "Trunk Award" on behalf of Rep. Jim Marzilli.

Forestry Council honors Marzilli

The Massachusetts Community Forestry Council recently honored Rep. Jim Marzilli, D-Arlington, with its "Trunk Award" for outstanding support of community forestry.

The award was given in recognition of his strong support for, and action on behalf of, urban and community forestry both in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and in his own community, Arlington. In the House, he championed a proposal to provide additional funding for tree planting and maintenance, rallying support from his colleagues and swaying the Speaker through a common interest in horticulture. Unfortunately,

because of a technicality (the vote was not properly recorded) the proposal was discounted. In Arlington, he helped the city obtain Tree City USA status, and he mobilized volunteers to undertake a tree survey of the town to help the town assess the condition of community trees. His latest, most ambitious local endeavor is to plant 2000 new native plants and trees in Arlington by the year 2000.

"In numerous ways, Rep. Marzilli has proven himself to be a dedicated and invaluable supporter of urban and community trees and forests," said Anthony Sanchez, president of the council.

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EDITORIAL

Societal obligations

When you hear their side of what has happened to the Wellington Street community and their sense of "home", you cannot help but feel sorry for Mary Lou and David Rossano-Collier.

The couple is raising their son in a Wellington Street home that — until now — sat next to a quiet, and then abandoned, nursing home. Their peace was shattered three years ago when word leaked out that the state was interested in locating a home for troubled boys on the site.

The Rossano-Colliers played lead roles in galvanizing neighbors to fight the state's plan. At a packed meeting in the Town Hall auditorium, speaker after speaker echoed the couple's concerns that the neighborhood was not an appropriate location for such a facility.

The effort was successful. The state dropped the plans. That's when the Salvation Army moved into the picture with a proposal to renovate the facility and use it as a home for recovering alcoholics.

The Salvation Army was met with some opposition, but the opponents were not nearly as vocal as those turning out against the boys' home plan. Still, the Rossano-Colliers had legitimate concerns: How many men would the Salvation Army's facility house? Would they be convicted felons? Would supervision at the home be adequate? Where would visitors park? Would the men congregate outside the home to smoke cigarettes? What would the noise level be?

But the Rossano-Colliers were up against not only the Salvation Army's solid reputation, but also the reputations of some members of the Salvation Army's board of directors who have earned the respect of their fellow Arlingtonians. Some of the Rossano-Colliers previous supporters joined forces with the Salvation Army in attempts to make the best out of what seemed to be inevitable. And it was clear early on that the plan had the approval of the town's leaders.

The Rossano-Colliers were not treated fairly by everyone involved in the process. They fought the Salvation Army as best they could, despite accusations of being narrow-minded and selfish. They have now given up their fight and no one would be surprised to see a "For Sale" sign appear on their front yard.

We agree with Selectman Kevin Greeley's position that the Rossano-Colliers' opposition to the Salvation Army is understandable and that residents should be sympathetic to their plight.

However, as Greeley and other selectmen have noted, Arlington cannot stand aloof to the plight of alcoholics and the homeless. Does anyone doubt that this very night homeless men with ties to Arlington will sleep in the Boston area's shelters?

This town must fulfill its societal obligations. The Salvation Army's home belongs here as much as it does in Cambridge, Somerville, Medford or Boston. That said, the Salvation Army owes it to the neighborhood to run a treatment home that is a good neighbor with strict standards of behavior.

Unfortunately for the Rossano-Colliers, but fortunately for the town as a whole, the site selected is on Wellington Street.

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Did big money influence the vote?

It was the David and Goliath of political clashes - and David lost.

When a coalition of non-profit consumer groups banded together last year to force a referendum on the state's new electricity deregulation law, they knew their battle would be all uphill.

First, they had to get the public to focus on an important, but stunningly complex, plan to deregulate the electric industry.

Second, they had to convince voters the plan was the "biggest consumer rip-off in the state's history" - despite the fact ratepayers would get an initial 10 percent cut in their monthly bills.

Third, and most daunting, was the prospect of going head-to-head with an industry that could - and did - spend millions of dollars on television ads trying to squelch any criticism of the deregulation law.

Now we know just how many millions.

According to a report released last month by the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance, supporters of the deregulation law - primarily the electric industry itself - dropped a whopping \$8.4 million to convince voters not to overturn the law.

Much of that money went toward the ads that wallpapered television screens in the weeks leading up to the November election. Toward the end of October, you couldn't turn on your set without an apologist for the industry explaining the wonders of the new law: lower rates, greater choices of electricity providers, a cleaner environments, etc.

To fend off that onslaught, the opponents of the law - including the consumer group MassPIRG - raised and spent a mere \$285,000.

To put it kindly, they were swamped come election day. Voters overwhelmingly backed the new law, which - in addition to cutting

AT THE STATEHOUSE

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rates at least temporarily - forces ratepayers to pick up 100 percent of the cost of the industry's bad investments.

Without debating the merits of the law itself, the fact that an industry can spend essentially unlimited amounts of money on a ballot question it sees as a boon to its business raises troubling questions.

The fact that the industry is a public utility is even more troubling. It's not like most homeowners can opt not to purchase electricity.

Attempts to limit the amount of money that can be spent on ballot questions have been frustrated over the years by a US Supreme Court ruling equating money with free speech. Under that ruling, any limit on spending amounts to a violation of the First Amendment.

Although it's the most dramatic example, the electricity deregulation battle was only one of four ballot questions put before voters in November.

One question - linking legislator's pay raises to increases in the median household income in Massachusetts - generated no spending on either side.

But two other questions - one to cut the income tax on investment income and a second to increase public funding of campaigns - did generate significant spending.

In each case, the side that spent the most money won.

Take the so-called "Clean Elections Law."

Backers of the ballot question, intended to limit spending and level the playing field in state elections, spent nearly \$1.2 million pushing the measure, enough to put ads on television. Ironically, opponents of the question could muster only \$61,000.

Supporters of Question #3, which lowered the state tax on unearned income from 12 percent to 5.95 percent, spent \$335,000 pushing their message. There was no organized opposition to the rate cut, in part because the state legislature had already approved the tax cut earlier in the year.

As much as was spent on the electricity deregulation question, it did not break the state record. That was set back in 1988 when more than \$9.1 million was spent on a question to ban power plants that produce nuclear waste. The question was defeated.

However, the "Yes on 4 Committee" - a coalition composed nearly exclusively of industry groups - did set the record for single committee spending on a question - \$8.2 million. In 1988, a single committee spent \$7.5 million opposing the nuclear power plant question.

Total spending on all four questions this year? Nearly \$10 million.

Just how much money is \$8.2 million in the scheme of things on Beacon Hill? To put things in perspective, acting Gov. Paul Cellucci, running for the top political office in the state, spent a little more than \$7 million.

How much influence does money have? Certainly voters are smart enough not to be swayed into supporting a blatantly heinous proposal, no matter how money is thrown at it.

But for intricate legislation like the energy deregulation law, money talks.

Should community explore self insurance?

BY ANDREW FISCHER

The tragedy which unfolds in the best seller and recent movie "A Civil Action" reveals a flaw in our health care system, and may even suggest a more responsive and cost effective way in which health care insurance could be reinvented. V2020 invites the public to participate in studying this topic, among many others, in the insert which is included in the Town Census this month.

In Woburn, many years passed before the geographic incidences of leukemia were proven and acknowledged. All of that time, the victims' families' theories and suspicions were for the most part dismissed. People only learned of the unusual commonness of leukemia by happenstance. Such a lack of information about our own community is standard even today, but in this information age, in which actuarial science and powerful spreadsheet technology is within the grasp of local government, such unawareness is soon going to be viewed as an anachronism.

If anything good can come out of the Woburn experience, perhaps it will that it dramatizes the advantages that could become standard if insurance programs evolved so that the cost centers were geographically based. In such a system, citizens of a town would pay into a common pool of health insurance. Its operation would probably be administered by a Third Party Administrator,

in the same way that TPAs administer the health insurance policies of businesses which self insure. In a community based system, all of the claims would naturally become the data base for that community's health records. For example, if such a system had been in place in Woburn in the 1980s, the Town Board of Health would have known the address and types of unusual diseases as soon as the families filed claims.

This idea is in some respects the opposite of a nationalized, single payer system, because each geographic unit would think of itself as an autonomous entity. However, as the system evolves, a state wide and perhaps ultimately nationwide system of re-insurance would develop in order to share risk among localities. Otherwise, little change is required from the current system: the third party administrators would probably follow the same managed care strategies which they employ today; subrogation claims would be pursued when liability issues warrant them, and so forth.

The Woburn leukemia situation highlights the fact that today's commercial insurance system is highly fragmented, which is a horrible flaw. When we submit claims to so many different insurance policies, we are fragmenting information. The Woburn experience obligates us to at least consider whether insurance ought to be redesigned to perform a two fold service: to manage costs by sharing and financing risk, and simultaneously, to exist as

a reposit of health data. As bills are paid, epidemiological information would be registered quickly and logically. It may be that the natural and most cost efficient way to administer such a system would be town by town.

Clearly, this is so drastically a different type of idea that at present it can only be considered academically, as something that could evolve over the years. One can easily think of many reasons why it would never work. But the potential for cost savings, for identifying future Woburns more quickly, and for increased prevention overall is too powerful to ignore.

Unless I overestimate American ingenuity, self reliance, and self confidence, some form of this localized self insurance idea is inevitably going to become part of the health care discussion. It happens that the town of Arlington supplies workman's compensation insurance and health insurance to our 900-some town employees via a self insured system. Vision 20/20 is proposing to study and document what, if any, safety and cost advantages the town may be realizing due to these programs. This proposal is in its most embryonic stage. If you are interested in this project or in any other V2020 work, please return the insert form with your census, or mail to Vision 2020, Town Hall, 730 Mass. Avenue, Arlington, MA 02474, or at <http://arlington2020.org>. Fischer is a Town Meeting member who lives on Lombard Terrace.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Bank gives funds to Caritas Communities

Paula McNabb, assistant vice president and compliance officer of Medford Bank recently awarded a \$2,500 grant to Caritas Communities, a non-profit housing company.

This grant supports, in part, the construction of a handicapped accessible kitchen for a home in Medford. Caritas Communities develops lodging houses for the working poor and has completed homes in Arlington, Boston, Braintree, Chelsea, Dorchester, Everett, and Quincy.

Small business tax-saving tip offered

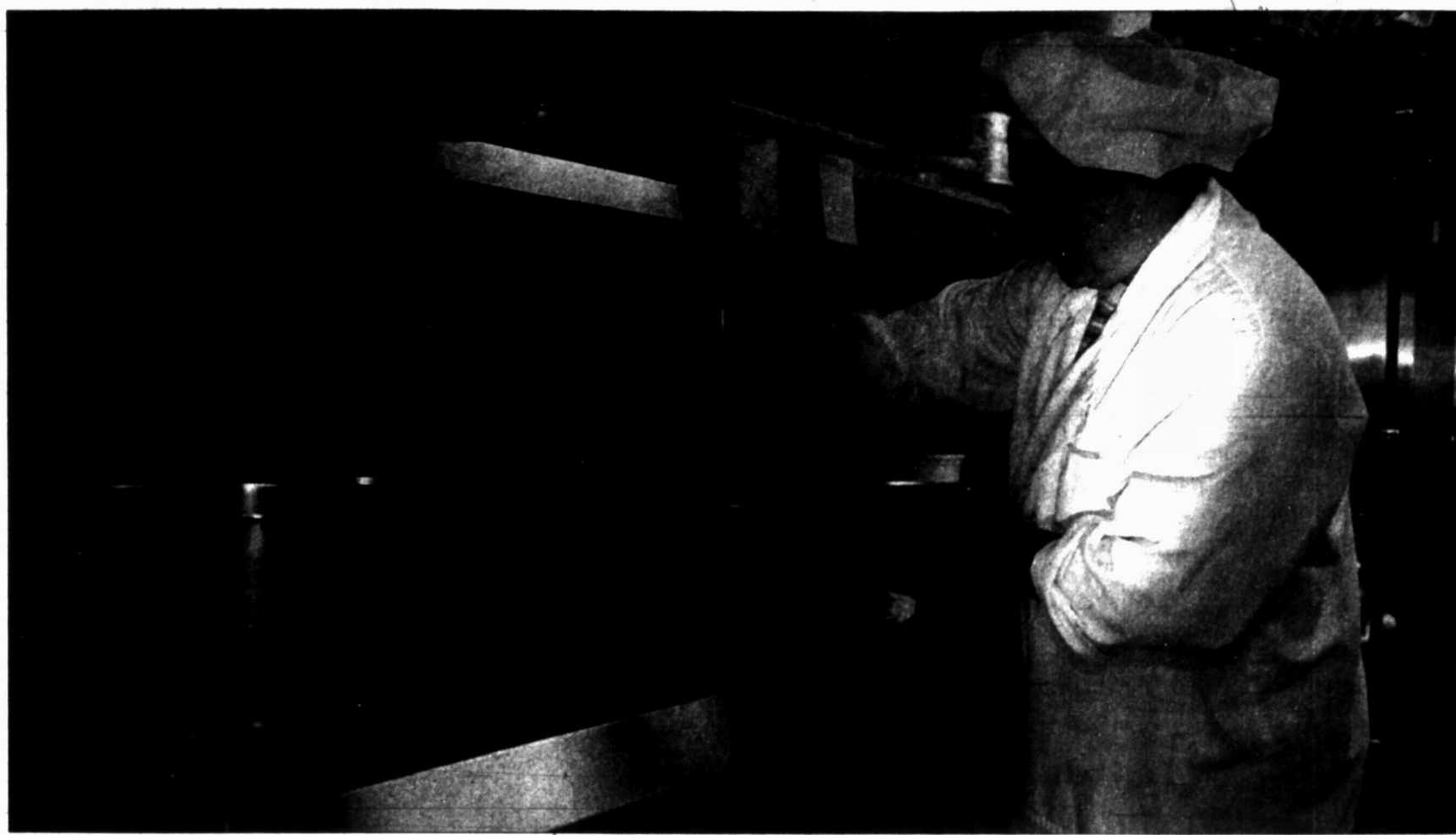
Last summer, Congress made significant strides toward reform to address one of the top concerns fac-

ing small business — health care. But while reforms such as increased deductibility of health insurance costs is on the way, many Americans are missing out on a little-known tax code provision that could already be saving them hundreds of dollars.

Since 1954, IRS Code Section 105 has offered a 100 percent tax deduction of family medical expenses to qualifying self-employed small business owners.

As with all tax laws, there are IRS, Department of Labor and ERISA compliance issues that must be considered. For this reason, tax professionals are employing the service of third-party administrators like Biz Plan to efficiently enroll clients for this tax savings program.

For more information about Biz Plan, or to find out about other NASE programs that help small businesses, call Arlington's Lourdes Pita at 1-800-963-7000.



Angelo Baio prepares meatballs at La Buona Vita restaurant in Arlington Center.

STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN JACOBUS

Restaurant offers a taste of the good life

BY ANNE-MARIE SELTZER
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

"My father believes that the mark of a good restaurant is good bread. I'm not sure if that's true, but that's what he used to say back in Italy," said Angelo Baio with a grin. "My father ran a successful restaurant, and, yes, he did serve very good bread."

Baio and his wife Stephanie are the owners of La Buona Vita, a small Italian bistro in Arlington Center that was cited as a good value by the Boston Phoenix. Lunch items and specials are served six days a week, and take out is available. Lunch prices range from \$4.99 to \$6.99; the average cost of a special entree is \$10.

"The name of the restaurant means the good life in Italian, and good food is an important part of living. We specialize in authentic Italian cuisine here," said Baio. "We serve dishes that I like to eat, dishes that represent my home town in Sicily. We

make our food to order, and bake our own breads. While people are waiting for their meal, we serve a spread with as much fresh bread as they want. Our customers are encouraged to take their time and enjoy their food."

The menu emphasizes southern Italian cuisine, with a few northern Italian dishes. "When you say southern Italian cooking, you're talking about vegetables, tomato, and shellfish. Very few dishes use cream sauce. We use very little butter, except for shrimp scampi. Since each dish is cooked to order, we can adjust the ingredients to suit our customers' wishes. I can also make special dishes for vegetarians."

The printed lunch menu lists soups, appetizers, salads, sandwiches, pasta, desserts, and espresso and cappuccino. Unusu-

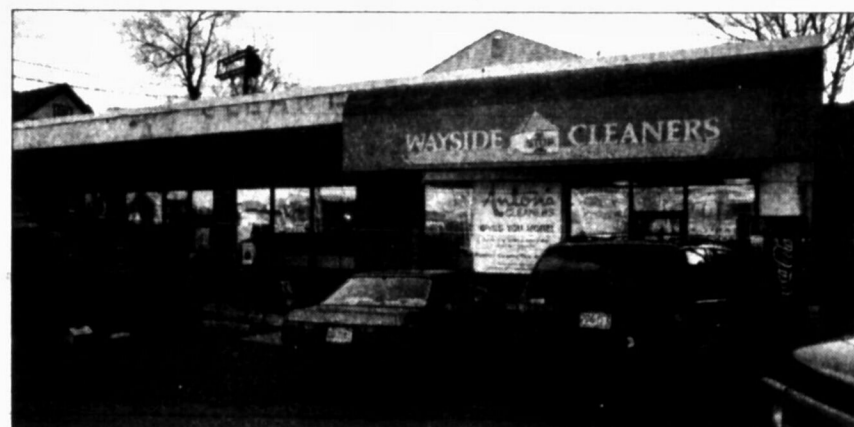
al lunch items include Mussel Soup (mussels in a garlic, tomato, and oregano broth with crostini) for \$5.99; Melenzana Sandwich (baked eggplant, tomato sauce, and imported grated parmigiano) for \$4.99; and Crazy Alfredo (chicken, roasted red peppers, parsley, soppressata, sweet sausage, and a spicy white cream sauce over fettuccini) for \$6.99. Desserts are made in Italy, except for the tiramisu, which is made at the restaurant. Gelato, a sweet and flavorful Italian ice cream, is available in several flavors.

There is also a board with daily specials, and new dishes are added regularly. Many are Baio's own creations or dishes that have been served by his family in Italy. Recent specials have included shrimp in crabmeat sauce with celery; fettuccini with

vegetables and mushrooms in a white wine garlic curry sauce; and pasta with capers, fresh tomato, anchovies, black and green olives, and sage. Baio added, "Shellfish dishes are usually on the menu from Wednesday through Saturday."

This is Baio's first business, and he and his wife are up to the challenge. "People want ambiance and good food when they eat out," he explained. "Customers can be comfortable here. Dress is casual, the dishes are homemade, and the prices are reasonable."

La Buona Vita is located at 450 Mass. Ave. Hours are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Take out is available. Some catering is available. Telephone: (781) 641-4734; fax, (617) 387-6138.



STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN JACOBUS

This Arlington Center building is the future home of both Anton's Cleaners and Carberry's Bakery.

Anton's Cleaners coming

Anton's Cleaners, the largest drycleaner in New England, acquired Wayside Cleaners, 600 Main Street, on Dec. 28., according to Anton's Vice President Arthur Anton, Jr.

Located next to the site of an upcoming Carberry's Bakery, the store will be Anton's 39th location throughout eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. Founded as a family-owned business in Lowell, the company has been in operation since 1913.

"We are very pleased to be in Arlington," Anton said. "We have known Paul Campbell, the owner of Wayside Cleaners, for many years."

Campbell came to Arlington when he purchased One-Stop Cleaners from Jack Osterer.

Anton said plans for remodeling the Arlington location are complete and renovations are underway. The store will feature the blue and green 'Anton's look' and will include a recycling center as well as the latest technology for fast customer service. The work is scheduled to be completed in mid-January.

"We offer customers same-day service Monday through Saturday for both shirts and drycleaning," Anton said. Other services include alterations and Anton's Closet for off-season storage.

"We hope many Arlington residents will visit our web site at www.anton.com and enter our contest to win \$100 in free clothing care services," Anton said. There is a new contest each month.

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OBITUARIES

Edith E. Annis

Edith E. (O'Brien) (Nardone) Annis, 78, of Arlington, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1998, at Symmes Hospital in Arlington. She was the wife of the late Thomas Nardone and the late William W. Annis.

Born in Somerville, she was a member of the Arlington Catholic Daughters of America.

She is survived by her children, Patricia E. Aleo, Daniel W. Annis, both of Arlington and Robin C. Costagliola of Reading and five grandchildren. She was the sister of William O'Brien of Somerville, Daniel O'Brien of Everett, Virginia Caruso of Belmont, Patricia Jones of Florida, Eugene O'Brien of Leicester, Jean Brennan of Malden, Marie Di Pirro of Melrose and the late Helen Mitrano, Frances Pelham and Harold O'Brien. She was also the mother of the late Kathleen M. Annis.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 31 at the Church of St. Agnes in Arlington, followed by burial at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Berglund, Williams, Wilson and Fudge Funeral Home, Arlington.

Pauline M. Breen

Pauline M. (Corbin) Breen, 65, of Arlington, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998, at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. She was the wife of Joseph P. Breen.

Born in Lowell, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Anastasia (Moreau) Corbin. She had been employed as a clerk at Sancta Maria Hospital.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Joseph P. Breen Jr. of Marblehead; a daughter, Michele Walsh of Acton; two grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Corbin and Lillian Ducharme and two brothers, Joseph and Gerald Corbin. She was also the sister of the late George, Leo, Victor and William Corbin.

A funeral was held Jan. 4 at St. James' Church in Arlington, followed by interment at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Keefe Funeral Home Inc., Arlington.

Edith E. Burke

Edith E. (Watt) Burke, 99, of Arlington, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999, at Symmes Hospital. She was the wife of the late George A. Burke.

Mrs. Burke came to the United States from Nova Scotia. She was the daughter of the late James and Hannah (Phillips) Watt, attended Arlington schools and then was home-schooled in piano and music. She played for 12 years with the Arlington Women's

Club.

After caring for her mother until her death in 1960, Mrs. Burke then worked at the Harvard Coop as a bookkeeper until the age of 84. She was an original member of the COMET Club at Calvary United Methodist Church.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Arthur Wilson, Lillian Rowe, Lucinda Anderson, Harold Blanchard, Everett Phillips and Eugene Irwin.

A funeral service was held Jan. 5 at the Saville & Grannan Funeral Home in Arlington.

Memorial donations may be made to the Calvary United Methodist Church, 300 Mass. Ave., Arlington, MA 02474.

Ruth Stratton Cannell

Ruth Stratton Cannell, 88, of Yuma, Ariz., formerly of Arlington, died Monday, Nov. 23, 1998.

Born in Somerville, she was the daughter of the late Winburn S. and Florence (Walker) Cannell. She was a 1928 graduate of Arlington High School. She received a B.A. degree in economics from Smith College in 1932 and a B.S. degree from Simmons College in 1933.

After a year working as a secretary to the head of a girls' preparatory school in Oxford, Ohio, Miss Cannell spent more than 30 years at the Boston Public Library, serving as assistant to the chief librarian, before retiring.

She was a member of the St. John's Episcopal Church in Arlington for more than 60 years.

She is survived by her brother, Frank of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a nephew, Dr. Robert C. Cannell of Yuma, Ariz. and a niece, Rebecca S. Browne of Coshatt, La.; five grandnieces and nephews and nine great-grandnieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Nov. 28 in Yuma, Ariz. at Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church. At a later date, a graveside service will be held at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

Lorraine M. Coughlin

Lorraine M. (Hachey) Coughlin, 69, of Arlington, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998, at her daughter's home in Woburn. She was the wife of the late Donald M. Coughlin.

Born in Cambridge, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Henrietta (Doucette) Hachey. She was a 1946 graduate of Cambridge Latin High School.

Mrs. Coughlin was employed as a realtor with All Homes Realty in Somerville.

She is survived by her children, Kathleen Coughlin of Burlington, Donald J. Coughlin of Winchester, Mary Ellen and Michael Coughlin, both of Arlington, Theresa Martin of Canada, Joanne Coughlin of Stoneham and Suzanne Parker of Woburn and five grandchildren.

A funeral was held Jan. 2 at St. Eulalia's Church in Winchester, followed by interment at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Arlington.

Memorial donations may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Boston, (617)-451-WISH.

Paul P. Cusolito

Paul P. Cusolito, 68, of South Yarmouth, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998, at Jordan Hospital in

Plymouth. He was the husband of Aurora (Kasparian) Cusolito for 43 years.

Born in Stoneham, Mr. Cusolito was raised in Somerville and Arlington and moved to South Yarmouth in 1978 from Arlington. He graduated from Arlington High School in 1949 and attended North East Correspondence School.

A U. S. Coast Guard veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Cusolito was vice president and treasurer of the Tower Root Beer Bottling Co. in Charlestown. In 1974, he worked for Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. in Milton, retiring in 1989 as plant manager.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Paul P. Cusolito Jr. of Washington, Pa. and Richard D. Cusolito of Tustin, Calif.; a daughter, Deborah R. Mutter of Dover, N. H.; two brothers, John Cusolito of Bourne and Richard Cusolito of Arlington and six grandchildren. He was also the father of the late Diane L. DeCastro.

Memorial donations may be made to the Jordan Hospital, c/o Developmental Office, Oncology Dept., 275 Sandwich St., Plymouth, MA 02360.

Daniel P. Doherty

Daniel P. Doherty, 73, of Tyngsboro, formerly of Arlington and Billerica, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998, at Lowell General Hospital.

Born in Arlington, he was the son of the late John and Ellen (Hirrel) Doherty.

Mr. Doherty was a U. S. Navy veteran of World War II and a vice commander of the Billerica V.F.W. Solomon Post.

He had been employed as a heavy equipment operator for the Town of Arlington for 35 years, prior to his retirement in 1981.

He is survived by three sons, Daniel J. of Nashua, NH, Edward A. of Tyngsboro and Kevin N. of Lowell; a daughter, Marian Cameron of Pepperell; two sisters, Mary Doherty of Arlington and Helen Downing of Medford; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was also the father of the late Michael J. Doherty and the brother of the late Edward Doherty and Catherine Devlin.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 2 at St. Andrew's Church in No. Billerica, followed by burial at Fox Hill Cemetery.

Joseph D. Gallagher

Joseph D. Gallagher, 83, of Arlington, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington. He was the husband of the late Edna (Upham) Gallagher.

Born in Cambridge, he was the son of the late William A. and Mary E. (McDonald) Gallagher. He was raised in Somerville and was a graduate of Somerville High School.

Mr. Gallagher was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II, having earned the rank of corporal. He served in the South Pacific.

He was retired from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having been employed by the M.D.C. Water Division.

He is survived by three nephews, James Burke of Florida, James Lockhart of Danvers and Robert Lockhart of South Boston.

Funeral services were held at the Anderson-Bryant Funeral Home in Stoneham on Jan. 2, followed by burial at Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorial donations may be made to the W. Somerville Church of the Nazarene, 52 Russell St., Cambridge, MA 02140.

Marianne J. Macaulay

Marianne J. (O'Rourke) Macaulay, 67, of Arlington and

Falmouth, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, at Youville Nursing Center.

Mrs. Macaulay had been employed as a secretary for the Small Business Administration. She had lived on Cape Cod for several years.

She is survived by her children, Anne L. of Cambridge and James A. of Boston and two granddaughters.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 2 at St. Agnes Church in Arlington.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Saville & Grannan Funeral and Cremation Service, Arlington.

Edgar A. Manton

Edgar A. Manton, 89, of Arlington, formerly of Jamaica Plain, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1999, at the Sancta Maria Nursing Facility in Cambridge. He was the husband of Claudia (O'Malley) Manton.

Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Arthur and Amy (Norris) Manton. He was a veteran of World War II, having served as an military policeman in the U. S. Army.

Mr. Manton was a retired Brigham's employee and store manager.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Edgar Manton Jr. of Greenville, Texas; a granddaughter, Carolyn Westberry and a great-granddaughter, Jessica Westberry, both of Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services were held at the Long Funeral Home in Cambridge on Jan. 5, followed by burial at Gethsemane Cemetery in West Roxbury.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sancta Maria Nursing Facility, 799 Concord Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138.

Thomas W. McHugh

Thomas W. McHugh, 85, lifelong resident of Watertown, died at home Monday, Dec. 28, 1998. He was the husband of the late Rose (Buckley) McHugh.

Mr. McHugh was a U. S. Marines veteran of World War II. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #1105 and Marine Corps League-Shutt detachment.

Before his retirement, he worked as a bartender at the Blue Hawaii.

He is survived by his children, Thomas of Melrose, Helen Thompson of Waltham, Rose Young of Nashua, NH, Richard of Arlington and David of Watertown; his brother, Paul McHugh of California; 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 31 at St. Luke's Church in Belmont, followed by burial at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

John J. Milton

John J. Milton, 80, of Arlington, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998, at Winchester Hospital. He was the husband of Claire A. (McGrath) Milton for 49 years.

Born in Bath, Maine, he was the son of the late John J. and Florence (DeVanna) Milton.

Mr. Milton, a U. S. Army veteran of World War II, received the Bronze Star while serving in the South Pacific. He was a member of the Winchester Elks, the Winchester V.F.W., the Somerville American Legion and the 32nd Division Veterans' Association.

He was a meter reader for the City of Medford for 33 years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, John J. Milton and Marie L. Sakakeeny, both of Marshfield and Mark V. Milton of Arlington; his sister, Dorothy Lowther of Winchester and five grandchildren.

His funeral was held Jan. 2 at St. Agnes' Church in Arlington. Interment was private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Arlington Retarded Citizens.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Keefe Funeral Home, Arlington.

Karl G. Moden

Karl G. Moden, 63, of Woburn, formerly of Arlington, died Monday, Dec. 28, 1998, at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington. He was the husband of Lorraine B. (Kierstead) Moden.

Mr. Moden was a 38-year employee of Raytheon Engineers and Constructors.

He was an active member of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Woburn and active in Masonic organizations. He was a member of Russell Lodge A.F. & A.M., Past Master of Belmont Royal Arch Chapter, a member of Coeur De Lion Commandry, Aleppo Temple Shriners, Aleppo Arab Patrol and Past President of the Swedish Square & Compass Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, K. Stephen Moden of Burlington, Scott D. of Arlington and Brian C. of Plymouth and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Dec. 31 at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, followed by burial at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 60 Forest Park Road, Woburn, MA 01801.

Vito Politano

Vito Politano, of Arlington, died Sunday, Jan. 3, 1999, at the Don Orione Home in East Boston. He was the husband of the late Maria A. (Truglia) Politano.

Born in Italy, he worked as a candy maker, retiring in 1972. He was a member of ILGWU # 15 Union.

He is survived by his children, Rosina Gratta of Hull, Maria Fulciniti, Felice Politano and Frank Politano, all of Arlington, Giulia Gratta and Candida Barbuto, both of Hingham, Tony Politano of Quincy, Vittorio Politano of Medford and Malia Della Rocca of Natick; 30 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 6 at Immaculate Conception Church in North Cambridge. Entombment was in Calvary Cemetery, Waltham.

Memorial donations may be made to the Don Orione Home, 111 Orient Ave., Boston, MA 02128.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Saville & Grannan Funeral and Cremation Service, Arlington.

Mildred Robertson

Mildred (Griffith) Robertson, 90, of Medford, Ore., formerly of Sagamore Beach, died at home Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998. She was the wife of the late John A. Robertson Sr.

Mrs. Robertson was the office manager for her husband's medical practice in Arlington, until his retirement at age 82. Her interests were horticulture and the piano.

She is survived by her children, Donald P. Robertson, D.O. of Ashland, Ore., John A. Robertson Jr., D.O. of Walkersburg, Wis., Peter G. Robertson of Queenstown, Md. and Joanne (Robertson) Dorn of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; her sister, Dorothy Lantz of Kirksville, Mo.; four grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was also the sister of the late Warren M. Griffith.

A private family service will be held in Massachusetts this summer.

Memorial donations may be made to Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Mo.

June E. Slader

June E. (Tenney) Slader, 84, of Nashua, N. H., formerly of Arlington, Lexington and Sandwich, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 1998, at The Hunt Community. She was the wife of the late Frederick Slader.

Born and raised in Arlington,

she was the daughter of the late Wilma G. and Carrie (Von Loesecke) Tenney. She graduated from Arlington High School and received a diploma from Boston University P.A.L., class of 1935.

Mrs. Slader worked at M.I.T. Lincoln Laboratory from 1952 until 1976, where she was a secretary in the radar division and the engineering division.

She held membership in P.E.O., enjoyed travel and was an avid bingo player. She was a member of The First Church (Congregational) U.C.C. of Nashua.

She is survived by a son, Ted Slader of Wappingers Falls, N. Y.; two daughters, Barbara E. Slader of Wayland and Lee Schuh of Kearsarge, N. H.; four grandchildren; a brother, Karl Tenney of W. Yarmouth and two nieces.

A Service of Remembrance will be held at the Davis Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, Saturday, Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. Friends are kindly invited to attend. Private interment will take place at Westview Cemetery in Lexington.

Memorial donations may be made to The First Church, One Concord St., Nashua, N. H. 03060.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Funeral Home, One Lock St., Nashua, N. H.

John R. Smith

John R. "Smitty" Smith, 86, a longtime Arlington resident, died Dec. 25, 1998 after a two-year battle with pulmonary distress disease.

His wife, Isabella, with assistance from Hospice Care of Stoneham and other family members, cared for him at home after he became bedridden in late June, 1997. During the last two months of his illness, Park Avenue Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Arlington provided his care.

Mr. Smith had lived in Arlington since his birth in 1912 and resided with his wife on Broadway since their marriage in 1947. He worked for the Town of Arlington for 42 years, beginning as a school custodian and later becoming supervisor of maintenance for the town's schools. Among accomplishments during his long years of service to the town, Mr. Smith evacuated children from the Crosby School during the fire on May 26, 1954 and served as treasurer of his AFSCME Union Local.

After retirement, he continued to work as a salesman of janitorial products and supplies, first with the Caplan brothers at Merritt Paper, then with Ginsburg Brothers, and on his own, until he was 83.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his three daughters, Patricia A. Basteri of Bolton, Ann M. Smith of San Diego, Calif. and Barbara A. Ciancetta of Atkinson, N. H.; and two grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, Richard and Mary Smith.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Dec. 30 at St. Agnes' Church in Arlington followed by burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care, 41 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, MA 02180.

Gunnar Thornton

Gunnar Thornton, of Niskayuna, N. Y., formerly of Quincy, died Monday, Dec. 28, 1998. He was the husband of Nancy (Williamson) Thornton.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Leslie Thornton of New York City, N. Y. and Providence, R. I., Eleanor Northrop of Connecticut, John Thornton of Wilbraham and Douglas Thornton of Niskayuna, N. Y. and one granddaughter, Katie Thornton. He was the brother of Jens and Leif Thornton, both of Quincy, Elsie Fiore of Arlington and Valgaard Arend of Hanover.

His funeral was Wednesday, Dec. 30 at the First Church of Squantum in Quincy, followed by interment at Dennis Village Cemetery in Dennis.

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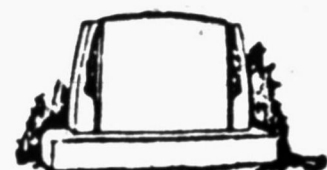
and vigor, will do it with less pain in his sickness and weakness; and he who hath practised it all his life, will do it with more ease and less perplexity in the hour of his death."

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